

SENATE MAY SET DATE FOR A VOTE AND END SESSION

Democrats and Republicans Are Agreed Upon Such Program.

PRESIDENT MAY OPPOSE

Futile to Expect Reciprocity Bill to Pass Before Next December.

There is a possibility that next week may witness the adjournment of the extra session of Congress. Both Republican and Democratic Senators are willing to fix a date, about December 15, for the final vote on the Cuban reciprocity bill, and to adjourn over from Tuesday next to December 7, when the regular session begins.

But it is understood the House leaders are opposed to this plan, because of the fear that it might be disastrous to the President. The extra session was called off him for the express purpose of passing the Cuban bill, and to adjourn when there are yet two weeks that could be devoted to its consideration, would, they think, arouse criticism. Of course, the answer to this is that the Democratic Senators have already served notice upon the Republicans that the bill shall not be passed at the extra session. Their proposition is to debate the bill over into the regular session, just to show that they can do so, despite the desire of the President.

Advantage of a Date.

The advantage of having a date set when the flow of oratory must stop and the bill be passed, thus allowing a definite program to be made for other business, added to the utility of attempting action at the present session, in view of the Democratic attitude, will probably result in an agreement to adjourn.

In that case the necessary resolution will be presented in the House when it meets on Tuesday, providing for the ending of the extra session, either on that day or Wednesday.

The Senate will meet on Monday to receive the report from the Committee on Foreign Relations on the Cuban bill. The committee will decide upon the report today, and it is a foregone conclusion that it will be a favorable one. Unless unanimous consent can be obtained for its immediate consideration, the report, under the rules, must lie on the table for one day and the debate cannot begin until Tuesday.

If the adjournment agreement has been made by that time there will be no discussion of this session, and the whole question will go over until next month. But if the House and the President should object to the sudden ending of the extra session there will be enough speeches or tap to fill the time. At least seven Democratic Senators have already indicated their intention to take part in the discussion. They are Senators Teller and Patterson of Colorado, Foster and McHenry of Louisiana, Bailey of Texas, Carmack of Tennessee, and Newlands of Nevada.

The program in the House, of course, barring the possibility of adjournment, is to meet every two days and adjourn without attempting any business. If the extra session should continue Speaker Cannon expects to announce the committees of the House at the end of next week. Otherwise he will do this at the beginning of the regular session.

GREEN EXAMINATION BROUGHT TO A CLOSE

Defense Fails to Present Testimony. Commissioner Hall's Ruling Reserved.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Nov. 21.—The examination of State Senator George E. Green on indictments charging irregularities in contracts with the Postoffice Department, ended last night.

The defense failed to present testimony, and Commissioner Hall reserved his ruling until Monday.

The examination on the two indictments dealing with the contracts of the Doremus Canealing Machine Company were taken up. It is charged that George E. Green, G. W. Beavers, and W. D. Doremus entered into a conspiracy against the Government, and that Mr. Green bribed Mr. Beavers to introduce the machine into the Postoffice Department.

Mr. Green was asked as to the whereabouts of the account books of the company for the time previous to last March. He replied they were lost, and thought they may have been burnt up for fuel when coal was scarce during the coal famine of last spring.

The check book of the company was produced but many of the checks were missing. Witness said he tore them off because they were in the way. This destroyed all record as to what the checks were used for. The rest of the testimony was purely technical, dealing with the identification by postal attaches of letters and documents passing between the Doremus Company and the Postoffice Department and the bank records of money transfers from Green to Beavers.

COUNT TO WED A POOR GIRL.

VIENNA, Nov. 21.—Count Stephen Gyulai, a member of one of the oldest and wealthiest Hungarian families, announced today his engagement to the daughter of a poor Viennese bootmaker. The marriage will soon be solemnized. Society is shocked.

FRENCH CLERGY BARRED.

PARIS, Nov. 21.—The senate adopted, by a vote of 147 to 136, M. Delpech's amendment to the government's education measure, by which it is proposed that members of the congregation, authorized or unauthorized, shall be forbidden to teach in the higher educational establishments.

SEEKING APPOINTMENT ON THE POLICE BENCH

Supporters of Candidates Visit President.

TERMS EXPIRE IN JANUARY

Expected Mr. Roosevelt Will Act on Matter Before Christmas Holidays.

The fight for the two Police Court judgeships is waxing warm. It is confidently expected by the several aspirants for the positions and their friends that the President will make nominations for the vacancies which will occur on the Police Court bench in January before the Christmas holidays. Some are of the opinion that he will take up the matter and dispose of it before the opening of the regular session of Congress.

Because of this there has been a great deal of activity among the different candidates for the two positions and their supporters within the past week. For several days, it is said, the President has been deluged with petitions for the appointment of different aspirants, and also with letters, informing him of the qualifications of the several candidates.

For Judge Scott.

Yesterday Senator Elkins of West Virginia and Charles C. Cole, formerly Associate Justice of the District Supreme Court, called upon the President in the interests of Charles R. Scott, now one of the four judges.

A campaign of the most active character has been inaugurated by those desirous of serving the District in this capacity. In fact, the scramble for the place is reported to be growing lively and sharp, and the fight is becoming more active and intense every day. Nearly every prominent resident of the District has been approached in the interests of some one of the aspirants for the positions, and the friends of each particular candidate express themselves as confident their choice for the judgeship will be the nominee of the President.

Prominent Candidates.

Among those whose claims and qualifications for the positions have been presented to the President are lawyers of conceded experience, ability, and integrity, some young and vigorous, some in middle life, and some past the fifty-year mark.

The following are a few of the candidates whose appointment is being urged by their friends, in addition to the present incumbents: United States Commissioner Anson S. Taylor, John J. Weed, A. Leftwich Sinclair, the Second Assistant Corporation Counsel; Edmund W. Van Dyke, formerly justice of the peace; James L. Pugh, Jr., Third Assistant Corporation Counsel; S. Herbert Giesy, Samuel C. Mills, Justice of the peace; Alexander R. Mulvowny, Assistant United States Attorney, prosecutor in the Police Court; Charles S. Bundy, Justice of the peace, and Robert H. Terrell, Justice of the peace.

Oppose Present Judges.

Impetus is given to the fight by the fact that the reappointment of Judges Scott and Kimball is being protested by District negroes. It is said that five negro organizations have drafted resolutions and forwarded them to the White House, requesting the President to appoint new judges of the Police Court.

Many of the friends of the candidates also assert that the opposition to the present judges is not confined to the negro, but that many influential members of the local bar and business men are in favor of a change in the personnel of the Police Court bench.

STREET RAILWAY MEN AGREE TO ARBITRATE

Chicago Unionists Will Waive Closed Shop in Return for Concessions by Company.

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Possibility of a settlement of the street car strike, in so far as it can be settled before being formally ratified at a mass meeting of the strikers, was admitted late this afternoon by Col. E. R. Ellis, representing the City Railway Company, and Attorney Darrow and Prentiss, representing the union.

The three lawyers were entering the offices of Colonel Ellis when asked by a reporter: "Is there a chance of settlement today?" They said: "Yes," with one accord.

The lawyers, President Mahon, and President Buckley, then met in formal conference. It is learned that an agreement has been reached to arbitrate the question of wages, and that the closed shop demand of the union has been practically waived by the company in return for an agreement by the company not to discriminate against the union.

HUNTERS KILL DOGS.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Game Wardens George Seikirk and Frank O. Foruna caught four Ausable Forks hunters hounding deer in Clinton county and made the hunters shoot the dogs in accordance with the statute, which provides that dogs running in woods inhabited by deer must be killed.

NEW RAILROAD INTO MEXICO.

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 21.—The official announcement was received here yesterday from the financial head of the Santa Fe that the Cane Belt Railroad, which was purchased a few days ago, has been immediately extended down the coast of the Gulf of Mexico in Texas and Mexico to connect with the Mexican Eastern Railroad in the latter country.

DIED.

MURPHY.—On Friday, November 20, 1903, at Providence Hospital, Henry VOLTZ MURPHY, beloved husband of Henrietta C. Murphy, aged twenty-five years.

AN UNSOLVED PUZZLE IN POSTOFFICE CASES

Postponement of Trial to Next Year Unaccountable.

WAS TO BEGIN TOMORROW

District Attorney's Request for Few Days' Delay First Opposed by Defense—Waiting for Next Move.

When on Friday it was announced that the trial of the first of the Postoffice cases, which was to have begun tomorrow in the District Supreme Court, was postponed until January 11, 1904, it was a great surprise to people who have kept in touch with the matter. The case which was tentatively set for trial tomorrow was that of August W. Machen, George E. Lorenz, Martha J. Lorenz, Diller B. and Samuel A. Groff, all of whom are under indictment, charged with conspiring to defraud the Government, in connection with the purchase of supplies for the Postoffice Department.

For several weeks the defendants and their counsel have been apparently anxious for an early and speedy trial. Within the past two weeks this demand has been very pronounced. On Friday, when the question of the fixing of a day for the trial to be commenced, the defendants, with one exception, were in court, and through their attorneys again appealed to the presiding justice not to delay further the case, but order it to be proceeded with tomorrow.

Mr. Beach's Move.

If this "raise" in the legal play was a "bluff," it was "called" by District Attorney Beach, who announced that the Government would be ready for trial on December 7 next. This would be a delay of only seventeen days, of which four will be legal holidays, and two Fridays and three Saturdays, days on which in the District court it is not customary to continue trials before juries. So it will be seen that if the seventeen days, only eight would probably be used in the trial of the case.

When Mr. Beach asked that the beginning of the trial be postponed to tomorrow until December 7 he frankly stated his reasons to the court. The most important of these are that one of the most material witnesses for the Government is absent from Washington, and that Attorney General Robb, of the Postoffice Department, whose presence in the city is essential to the prosecution of the defendants, is also absent. However, no matter what the reason for delay, but a brief postponement was asked.

A Great Surprise.

After a short consultation between Mr. Beach and counsel for the defense, the startling announcement was made that the trial would be postponed until some time next year.

After the earliness with which counsel for the defendants appealed to the court for an early trial for their clients, those who were present at the hearing were surprised that the postponement for such a long time was agreed to without protest.

On looking at the matter from another standpoint it is clear that if District Attorney Beach was making a legal bluff when he said he would be willing to go to trial on December 7, the bluff was not called by the defendants who expressed so great a desire for an early trial.

However all this may be, it is plain that the people will now be compelled to wait until next year to know what the next move will be in the Postoffice cases.

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WRIGHT TO TAKE OATH OF OFFICE TOMORROW

New Justice in Washington for the Purpose.

TAKES SEAT DECEMBER 10

A Typical Westerner of Pleading Address—Appointee Wins Esteem of Colleagues.

Daniel Thew Wright, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who was nominated as an associate member of the District Supreme Court bench, will take the oath of office tomorrow at the City Hall. Justice Wright will succeed Justice A. B. Hagner, who retired from the District bench last June.

Justice Wright visited the City Hall yesterday morning, accompanied by Senator Foraker of Ohio, who presented him to Chief Justice Clabaugh. The Senator did not tarry long at the court house, and the new member was escorted to the justices' consultation room by Chief Justice Clabaugh, who introduced him to the other members of the bench and court officials.

Not Yet Forty.

The new member of the District bench is a typical Westerner. He speaks in a clear, well modulated voice, and with an expression of firmness. His manner is also very pleasing, and those who met him today express the opinion that he will make an excellent judge.

Justice Wright is not yet forty years of age, and for many years has been prominent in Ohio politics, particularly in his home city, Cincinnati.

Mr. Wright will return to Cincinnati, probably Monday night or Tuesday, and will not return until December 10, when he will enter upon his judicial duties. It has not yet been settled as to which branch of the District Supreme Court the new member will be assigned. This matter will be discussed at a meeting of the members of the court tomorrow morning, immediately after the new justice has taken the oath of office. At the same time Chief Justice Clabaugh and Justice Pritchard will take the oath of office.

Clabaugh and Pritchard.

Justice Clabaugh was elevated to the Chief Justiceship while Congress was not in session, and Justice Pritchard was also chosen a member of the District bench while Congress was not sitting.

The faculty of the law department of the Georgetown University has chosen Justice Wright as a member, and he will soon begin a course of lectures before the classes of that department.

The new Justice has for a long time been considered one of the most brilliant and well equipped members of the Cincinnati bar. For five years he served as a judge in the circuit court of Hamilton county, Ohio.

FORMER MINISTER STRAUS HERE.

Oscar S. Straus, former United States minister to Turkey, and who took a prominent part in the drafting of the Kishinev petition, is registered at the New Willard, with William Jay Schiefel and Aaron Vanderbilt, of New York City.

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